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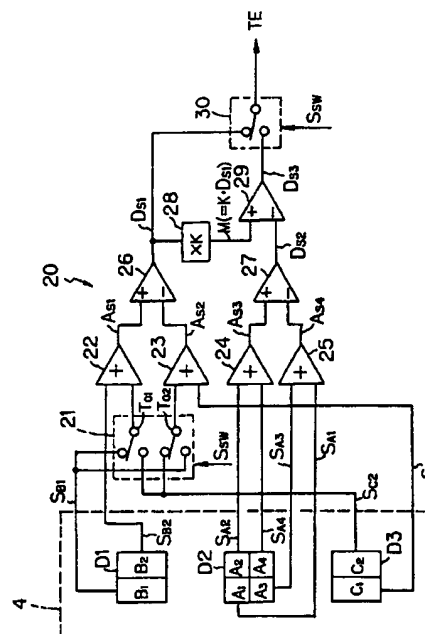
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(54) Tracking error signal generation device

(57) A tracking error signal generation device (20) is used for an optical pickup (4) capable of reproducing and/or recording an information signal on a spiral or co-axial signal track of an optical disk (1) of one type among a plurality of optical disks of different types which track pitches are different from each other. The optical pickup has a light beam irradiation device for irradiating the optical disk with three light beams; and light detection devices (D1 to D3) for receiving a reflection light of each light beam. The tracking error signal generation device is provided with: a first operation device (26) for calculating a first tracking error signal according to the 3 beams method; a second operation device (26 to 29) for calculating a second tracking error signal according to the DPP (Differential Push Pull) method; and a switch (30) for selecting one of the first tracking error signal and the second tracking error signal on the basis of an instruction from the external.

FIG. 2



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